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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 35, 39, 42, and 46 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

21 4. (Amended-Clean Text) A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the noise energy is determined by measuring the signal energy E_r of blocks of the digitally converted signals and calculating the noise energy E_n in accordance with